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## SOURCE

1. The Fichtel & Sachs Plant in Reichenbach (Vogtland) had the following production program for the month of May 1950:

Torpedo freewheel hubs	100,000 pieces	
Front wheel hubs	40,000 pieces	
Conical nipples	26,000 pieces	
"Spulkoeöpfe" (coil heads?)	15,000 pieces	
Threaded nipples	15,000 pieces	) Destined for the Wis- mith Corpora- tion
Drill sockets with valves	1,500 pieces	
Reducing valves	2,500 pieces	
Drill heads	15,000 pieces	
Clutches	100,000 DM	
Pedal bearings	25,000 sets	
Miscellaneous spare parts	50,000 DM	

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2. Shipments to be delivered to the Wismuth Corporation continue to go to

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Comment: The Fichtel & Sachs Plant is assigned to the Avtovelo SAG. Muralyev, (fnu), is the Soviet general manager. Engineer Vardashkin, (fnu), is the deputy Soviet manager.

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[Richard Mietig,] a member of the SED, is the chief German manager and also the technical manager. [Theodor Kretschmann,] who has no party affiliations, is the commercial manager. [Willi Bley,] a member of the FDJ and SED, is chief of personnel.

In addition to the items indicated in the report, the plant produces engines for motorcycles (two-cycle carburetor engines, piston displacement 98 cu.cm., 2.2 HP), motorcycle hubs for front and rear wheels, and automobile clutches for various car types such as BMW, DKW, ZIS 204. In May, 19,000 more torpedo freewheel hubs were produced than in February 1950, and 10,000 more frontwheel hubs. Before 1950 the entire production left for the U.S.S.R. Engines and motorcycle hubs were shipped to Kiev and bicycle hubs to Moscow. Since early in 1950 a considerable portion of the production has been sent to the Wismuth Corporation. According to another reliable report the Wismuth Corporation received following deliveries in February 1950: 30,000 drill heads, 3,000 threaded nipples and 35,000 drill sleeves (Bohrerhuelsen of different sizes). At first, quality steels especially had to be supplied from Western Germany. Following are the chief Western suppliers reported: Edelstahlwerk (Frohn & Sohn ?) in Remscheid (K 52/F 68), Gebr. Boehler & Co. Edelstahlwerk in Duesseldorf, and Schmidt & Clemens Edelstahlwerk in Berghausen Bezirk Koeln (K 52/G 38). Because of the West German steel embargo during the 1948-1949 blockade the plant received following Soviet steel deliveries in December 1949: 18.25 tons from the metallurgical plant in Chelyabinsk, 16.3 tons from the "Elektrostal" Plant in Moscow, 20.0 tons from the metallurgical plant in Guryevsk (54°46'N/20°57'E), and an unspecified amount of steel from the Plant 207 in Krivoshchokovo. The chemical composition as well as the mechanical qualities of the steel delivered were said to have to be good.

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